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REF: A. STATE 070021; B. OSAKA-KOBE 246 AND 328;

C. FUKUOKA 13; TOKYO 0252 AND TOKYO 16112

(DEC 10, 1974)

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSES SHOULD BE READ IN RELATIONSHIP
TO QUESTIONS POSED IN SIMILARLY LETTERED PARAGRAPHS OF
STATE REFTEL:

A. ELECTRIC LOCKS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM AND
ALREADY INSTALLED BY RTC.

B. THERE ARE NO RECEPTIONIST DESKS PRESENTLY LOCATED
IN BUILDING LOBBIES OF FUKUOKA AND KOBE CONSULATES.
DOLLARS 315 EACH FOR RECEPTIONIST DESKS AT KOBE AND
OSAKA IS NOT MERELY FOR STEEL PLATE BUT FOR VERY SIMPLE
DESK DESIGN, I.E., STEEL PLATE WILL BE SHAPED, PAINTED
AND DESK COUNTER INSTALLED. SINCE ONLY FUNCTION OF
EMPLOYEE USING THESE DESKS IS TO ACT AS RECEPTIONIST
SIMPLEST AND CHEAPEST POSSIBLE DESK HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY KOBE/
OSAKA. POST ADVISED IT WOULD COST IN EXCESS OF \$315 TO MODIFY
EXISTING DESK AT OSAKA WITH BALLISTIC ALUMINUM. COST
OF FUKUOKA DESK IS BASED ON SEVERAL FACTORS:

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FUNCTIONAL AND AESTHETIC DESIGN AND HIGH COST OF
MATERIALS AND LABOR IN JAPAN. COST OF STEEL IN DESK
AS PLANNED IS YEN 70,000 OR APPROXIMATELY \$240. USE
OF BALLISTIC ALUMINUM WOULD PROVIDE VERY SMALL COST

SAVINGS AND MAY CAUSE CONTRACTOR SOME INSTALLATION PROBLEMS. FUKUOKA RECEPTIONIST DESK HAS BEEN CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO AESTHETICALLY FIT INTO BUILDING. ALSO RECEPTIONIST WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AND CLERK FOR VISA SECTION. BECAUSE EXISTING POSITION BEING UTILIZED TO PERFORM RECEPTIONIST DUTIES, DESK DESIGN MUST INCLUDE TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD, LOCATION FOR TYPEWRITER, STORAGE SPACE FOR CONSULAR FORMS AND AREA FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT, I.E. #/ :5; .9,8594, ETC. DOES DEPARTMENT WISH POST TO FORWARD COPIES OF DESIGN OF DESK WITH COST BREAKDOWN?

C. DEVICE CAN BE PROVIDED FOR BREAKING OUT WINDOWS IN CONGEN SUITE IN KOBE IN LIEU OF EMERGENCY ESCAPE DOOR. HOWEVER, RSO CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT EMERGENCY ESCAPE DOOR BEST SOLUTION BECAUSE IT WOULD PROVIDE QUICKER AND LESS OBVIOUS EGRESS.

D. AGREE WITH BASIC TENET THAT EXTRA DOORS CAN SERVE TO WEAKEN PHYSICAL SECURITY OF AREA. HOWEVER, FEEL THAT SOME SECURITY NORMS ARE NOT ALWAYS BEST SOLUTION TO COUNTER TERRORIST THREAT AND THAT IMAGINATIVE PROGRAM TEMPERED BY EXPERIENCES MAY PROVIDE BEST PROTECTION TO PERSONNEL. AS AN EXAMPLE, THERE ARE ALREADY TWO EXISTING DOORS INTO OFFICE OF PO IN FUKUOKA. HOWEVER, THEY ARE ON SAME CORRIDOR NEAR EACH OTHER AT SOUTH END OF OFFICE. WHEN FUKUOKA CONSULATE ATTACKED IN NOVEMBER 1974 ATTACKERS GOT INTO OFFICE OF PO WHEN HE WAS PRESENT. TO GET OUT, PO HAD TO PASS BOTH ATTACKERS WHO TRIED TO ASSAULT HIM WITH METAL CLUBS. RECOMMENDED DOOR IN HIS OFFICE WOULD BE AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF OFFICE LEADING DIRECTLY TO STAIRWELL WHICH IS HIDDEN FROM VIEW FROM CORRIDOR BY PARTITION AND DOOR. RECOMMENDED DOOR COULD BE SECURED ON INSIDE WITH DEADBOLT PREVENTING ACCESS FROM STAIRWELL BUT PROVIDING QUICK EXIT BY PO WHOSE DESK IS LOCATED AT NORTH END OF ROOM. DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO QUESTIONED INSTALLATION OF ESCAPE DOOR FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PO'S SUITE IN OSAKA. PRESENTLY THERE IS ONLY ONE EXIT DOOR FROM CG'S OFFICE. TO GET OUT IN EMERGENCY SITUATION HE WOULD HAVE TO PASS DIRECTLY BY DOOR LEADING FROM EXHIBIT AREA TO OFFICE SPACE PROPER. WHILE CONTROLS HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR THIS DOOR, THESE CONTROLS CAN AT BEST ONLY PROVIDE DELAY AND WILL NOT STOP DETERMINED FORCED ENTRY. RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY EXIT FROM THIS ROOM WOULD GO INTO SMALL MAIL ROOM (REFER TO EXHIBIT 2 OF TOLYO'S A-535, COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY SURVEY KOBE/OSAKA) WHICH LEADS DIRECTLY TO REAR EXIT DOOR FROM CONSULATE GENERAL. RSO CONCURS THAT INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL DOOR FROM AMERICAN OFFICE IN EXHIBIT AREA TO OFFICE

SPACE COULD WEAKEN OVERALL PROTECTION OF OFFICE AREA
PROPER.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RECONSIDERING
PROVIDING FUNDING FOR:

A. OSAKA AND KOBE RECEPTIONIST
DESKS; B. FUKUOKA RECEPTIONIST DESK; C) EMERGENCY
ESCAPE DOOR FOR CG'S SUITE KOBE; D. EMERGENCY ESCAPE
DOOR FROM CG'S SUITE OSAKA; AND E. EMERGENCY ESCAPE
DOOR FROM PO'S SUITE FUKUOKA.
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